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SUBJ: RUMORED REQUEST OF FRENCH SAFEGUARD ACTION ON WALNUTS

REF: HUBER-MONTEL TELECON SEPTEMBER 19, 1975

1. JOHN HUBER, EXPORT MANAGER FOR DIAMOND WALNUTS, TELEPHONED FROM CALIFORNIA ON SEPTEMBER 19 TO REPORT THAT PHILLIPE RANOUX, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL WALNUT EXPORTERS, RECENTLY VISITED GERMANY TO OFFER FRENCH WALNUTS AT DM 3.5 PER KILO FOR SIZE 28 MM AND LARGER AND DM 3.4 PER KILO FOR SIZE 26-28 MM. ACCORDING TO HUBER, THE EQUIVALENT PRICE FOR US WALNUTS, LANDED, DUTY PAID, IS DM 3.0 PER KILO. HUBER'S INFORMANT SAID THAT THE GERMANY TRADE REJECTED THE FRENCH OFFER AND THAT RANOUX IMMEDIATELY VISITED THE EC COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS AND ASKED FOR AN EMBARGO ON IMPORTS ON US WALNUTS OR A SURCHARGE.

2. WE ASKED TERENCE WINDLE, EC COMMISSION CHIEF OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION, TO CONFIRM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUEST FOR SAFEGUARD CLAUSE ACTION. WINDLE

SAID THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF AN APPROACH BY
RANOUX TO THE COMMISSION AND THAT, FURTHERMORE,
THE COMMISSION HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY FORMAL FRENCH
GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR SAFEGUARD ACTION. (NOTE
THAT AFTER A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENT
IS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION, THE FRUIT AND
VEGETABLE REGULATIONS PROVIDED 48 HOURS WITHIN
WHICH THE COMMISSION MAY DECIDE WHETHER PROTECTIVE
MEASURES ARE JUSTIFIED.) WINDLE WAS NON- COMMITAL
ON WHAT ACTION THE COMMISSION WOULD TAKE ON A
POSSIBLE FRENCH REQUEST FOR SAFEGUARD ACTION. HE
HOPED WE COULD CONTINUE TO SUPPLY NECESSARY
DETAILS ON PRICE AND VOLUME SO THAT THE COMMISSION
COULD BETTER EVALUATE THE SITUATION AND, IN THIS
CONNECTION, FOUND THE RECENT PRICE LIST OF DIAMOND
WALNUT GROWERS PARTICULARLY USEFUL.GREENWALD

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